

**JOHNSON CITY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 12, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Cox, Secretary
Joe Wise, Chairman
Jamie Povlich, Vice-Chairman
Brenda Clarke, Assistant Secretary
James Staton
John F. Hunter
Uwe Rothe
Kevin Cole
Jenny Brock

MEMBERS ABSENT: Timothy Zajonc

STAFF PRESENT: Angie Carrier, Development Services Director
Angie Charles, Senior Planner
Steve Neilson, Development Coordinator
Matt Young, Planner
Cody Moneymaker, Intern
Jim Epps, City Legal Counsel
Tim Seaton, Construction Inspector

Chairman Wise called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Povlich gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting on April 14, 2015, were approved by a 9-0 vote.

The first item of new business was to consider the abandonment Alan Street right-of-way. Public hearing was opened, and no one spoke in favor or against the request. Public hearing was closed.

Motion: Cole
Second: Povlich

**To recommend approval of the Alan Street
right-of-way abandonment.**

The motion passed by an 8 –0-1 (Rothe) vote.

The second item on the agenda was to consider Zoning Ordinance text amendments to the Design Overlay (DO) district, as submitted by Mr. Mitch Cox. The petitioner proposes to amend the text to allow hard-coat stucco, synthetic stucco, and precast concrete products as primary building facade materials.

Public Hearing was opened.

Mitch Cox, 801 Sunset Drive, spoke in favor of his request by stating that retail developments will be deterred from locating within the DO district area due to the strict design requirements.

Jason Skipper, Brick Industry Representative, spoke against the request by stating that retailers have various building design prototypes and that the higher level of design standards signifies this as a gateway corridor within the city.

Public Hearing was closed.

Motion: Cole
Second: Clarke

To recommend denial of Zoning Ordinance text amendments to the Design Overlay (DO) district.

The motion passed by an 8 – 1 (Rothe) vote.

Motion: Cole
Second: Hunter

To consider the establishment of a committee to review the DO district for possible updates.

The motion passed by a 5 –2-1 (Clarke and Povlich, Brock) vote.

Motion: Cole
Second: Clarke

To recommend scheduling a joint workshop with the City Commission, on a date after June 30th.

The motion passed by a 9 –0 vote

The third item on the agenda was a request from the Johnson City Development Authority (JCDA) to consider renaming portions of Sevier and Lamont Streets to Commerce Street.

Public hearing was opened and Dianna Cantler, 1911 Sherwood Dr, spoke on behalf of the JCDA in favor of the request. Public Hearing was closed.

Motion: Cox
Second: Povlich

To recommend approval of the renaming of portions of Sevier and Lamont Streets to Commerce Street.

The motion passed by a 9 –0 vote.

The last item on the agenda was to consider the removal of a five-foot control strip located at the end of Ayshire Avenue. Mr. Joseph Terranera, the petitioner, spoke in favor of his request.

Motion: Hunter

Second: Clarke

To recommend approval of the removal of the five-foot control strip located at the end of Ayshire Avenue.

The motion passed by a 9 – 0 vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

APPROVED:

SIGNED:

Joe Wise, Chairman

Greg Cox, Secretary